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## **House Medicaid Reform Proposal Passes the Florida House**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – The House Medicaid Reform proposal, House Bills 7107 and 7109, today passed the Florida House of Representatives.

"I commend Chair Schenck for his diligent work to reform our state's Medicaid program, as well as my fellow House members for passing this landmark legislation today," said House Speaker Dean Cannon (R-Winter Park).

"Medicaid in its current form is an out-of-control entitlement program which has become the single largest cost driver in our state's budget," added Speaker Cannon. "The meaningful, comprehensive Medicaid reform adopted by the House today is the first step toward fixing a broken program that both lacks the ability to provide quality care to patients, and drains our state's financial resources at the expense of other vital services and programs."

"I thank my colleagues for passing this critical legislation to reform our state's Medicaid program today," said Representative Robert Schenck (R-Spring Hill), chair of the House Health & Human Services Committee. "For the past several years, Medicaid has plagued our budget and this year alone is has consumed one-third of general revenue. The Medicaid reform plan approved by the House today restores sanity to this broken program and will deliver relief to the taxpayers of Florida by establishing a Medicaid program that can control costs and offer long-term viability, while improving access to coordinated, quality care for patients."

For more information on House Bills 7107 and 7109, please visit the <u>Florida House of Representatives website.</u>

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